

THE WOMAN WITH THE BIRD HAT

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One day when I was conductor on the R. T. and T. railroad I took a ticket from a woman, and the only thing about her I remembered was that she wore a hat with a bird on it.

Not long after I took up her ticket the train shot into a tunnel. Nowadays in all passenger trains on well regulated roads one or more lamps are lighted, but in those times they didn't light up at any rate, not unless the tunnel was a very long one. I was in the car where the woman with the bird hat was sitting, and when we entered the tunnel I sat down in the rear seat next the door. During the passage in the darkness—when we were about half way through, I noticed a woman, of course one can't tell where sound comes from without the aid of his eyes, but it seemed to me in this instance to come from about the center of the car. I remembered that there were two men sitting on the left in different seats and a man and a woman, also in different seats, on the right. The woman was the one with the bird in her hat and was sitting a few seats forward of the center of the car. We were approaching the end of the route, which accounted for there being so few persons in the car.

Naturally, as soon as we shot out of the tunnel, I looked over the passengers to see if anything had happened to any of 'em. I noticed that the woman in the bird hat had sunk down against the window. I ran to her, and the first thing I noticed when I reached her was blood on her dress. Her face, too, was white as a sheet. She looked to me as if she were dead, and it turned out that she was. There was a doctor in the next car in the rear, who, being summoned, examined her and found a wound in her breast, made evidently by a knife.

As soon as I regained my wits I looked over the persons who had gathered around the woman. I didn't see a guilty face among them. I recalled how many passengers were in the car when we entered the tunnel and missed one man, but which one of the men I couldn't tell. Then it occurred to me to go through the train and investigate. I also questioned the brakemen. All the information I gathered was from the brakeman on the car where the murder had been committed, who said that when we entered the tunnel he came into the car and sat down in the forward end seat, as I sat on the rear end. While we were in the tunnel the forward door had opened and closed, it seemed, very carefully so as to make no noise. He felt it press against his foot.

Months passed, and there was no explanation of the mystery. I confess I never entered the tunnel after that, and I passed through it every day, without a bit of a shudder, though after the murder we always had the cars lighted before going into it. But after a year had elapsed I grew used to it and thought no more about it. One day when we were approaching the "hole," as we railroad men called the tunnel, I was passing down the aisle of the second car, which was the one in which the murder had been done, when I noticed a man sitting in one of the seats with a wild eye in his head muttering to himself. He seemed to be one of those persons with abnormal cerebral activity, so I passed on without paying attention to him. I came back into the car immediately after we had passed through the tunnel and saw the same man at a wash basin next to the saloon washing his hands.

Having no duty to perform till we reached the next station, I took a seat in the car and within ten minutes after the man had washed his hands he got up from his seat, went to the basin and washed them again. Though a bit surprised, I thought nothing of the matter, but when, after the next stop, I went through the car to take the tickets I saw the same man washing his hands again I began to notice the fact. Within an hour he washed them five times.

I had long before read in a paper an account of a French murderer who gave himself away by continually trying to wash blood from his hands and probably this suggested the thought that perhaps this man was trying to do the same thing. The next connecting link was remembering that murderers are drawn irresistibly to the scene of their crime, and in that this man had killed the woman in the bird decorated hat?

Taking a seat directly behind him and pointing to where the unfortunate woman had sat, I said to him: "That woman over there seems to be ill."

There was no woman near where I pointed.

"What woman?" he asked, a frightened look coming over his face.

"The one with the bird on her hat."

"He had no power to speak further. I had applied the 'third degree,' which in his case was a very simple process. I left him, but kept an eye on him to the end of the route, having instructed a brakeman to telegraph for the police to meet us at the station on our arrival."

The man pleaded guilty to the murder and suffered the penalty of his crime. Since those days the happenings in unlighted railroad trains passing through tunnels have ceased. I often wonder that there were not more crimes committed under circumstances so favorable to such acts.

Franklin's Fate Prefigured.

The fate of Franklin, the explorer, was unwittingly prefigured, and on the eve of his starting on his last voyage, at the hands of his own devoted wife. As he lay dozing on a sofa Lady Franklin threw something over his feet, on which he awoke in consternation, saying: "Why, there's a flag thrown over me! Don't you know that they lay the union jack over a corpse?"

NOW FRANCE HURLS BOMB

Follows Footsteps of German Chancellor

WILL STAND BY THE ALLIES

A Formal Statement in the Chamber of Deputies—The Austro-Serbian Tension Is Somewhat Relaxed.

London, Dec. 6.—Evidently the Balkan situation is far from being cleared up. Early in the week, when matters appeared to be quieting down, the German chancellor hurled a bomb into the powder magazine when he offensively threatened Russia with the sword if she interfered with Austria's announced purpose to rob Serbia of the fruits of war. Today, when it was announced that both Austria and Serbia had about decided to entrust the settlement of their differences to the powers, and that the Turco-Balkan peace conference was about to begin, the French premier throws out a statement similar to that of the German chancellor, saying in effect that France would stand by her allies in this Balkan mixup. Sir Edward Grey, the British foreign minister, declared this afternoon that although the proposed ambassadorial conference in London was making progress toward realization, it had not yet been definitely decided by all the European powers whether the moment was opportune for it. The puzzle of Greece's attitude in connection with the armistice is expected to be solved satisfactorily as it is not believed that Greece will imperil her own victories by maintaining a separatist policy. When the Porte announced that on Tuesday night an armistice protocol with Turkey had been signed by Bulgaria and Montenegro an intimation was conveyed between the lines that it meant the rupture of the Balkan alliance, but it will be wise to await developments. The incident may be a part of the diplomacy of war. This is indicated perhaps by the fact that Greece will take part in the peace conference in London.

FRANCE'S POSITION.

"We Stand By Our Allies and Our Friendships."

Paris, Dec. 6.—France spoke plainly today on the European situation, when Premier Poincaré told the chamber of deputies committee on foreign affairs, "We stand by our allies and our friendships." The premier was defining the policy to be pursued by France in the Balkan settlement.

DENIES CARRYING DYNAMITE IN CAN

Iron Workers' Executive Also Declares He Had No Knowledge of the McNamara \$1000 Monthly "Campaign" Payments.

Indianapolis, Dec. 6.—Accused of carrying a nitro-glycerine can from Pittsburg to Indianapolis and of having approved of the use of union funds for purchasing explosives, Henry W. Legleitner, a defendant, testified at the "dynamite conspiracy" trial yesterday. Legleitner, who was arrested in Denver, was a member of the executive board of the International Association of Bridge and Structural Iron Workers from 1907 to 1910, and as such is charged with approving the \$1000 paid monthly to J. J. McNamara for carrying on a "dynamiting campaign" against non-union work.

The government alleges that McNamara had made a case specially designed to carry a 10-quart can of nitro-glycerin on passenger trains and that Legleitner, arriving from Pittsburg, delivered the case to iron workers' headquarters.

The witness denied any knowledge of a conspiracy among the union officials. Legleitner denied, as had been testified by witnesses, that at the time of his arrest he admitted money was appropriated for McNamara's use. He also denied he was in Indianapolis in December, 1910, when, according to a book-keeper of the union, he arrived from Pittsburg with the nitro-glycerine case. When McNamara was arrested, the witness said, the executive board members were in session, and instead of trying to conceal evidence they helped detectives to look for explosives around union headquarters.

MAY INSURE AGAINST TWINS.

London Brokers Formulate Rates for Birth "Hazards."

London, Dec. 6.—Five per cent. is the rate quoted by brokers for insurance against the birth of twins. It is also possible to insure against a child who might deprive one of an estate of title.

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ANOTHER POLICE GRAFT.

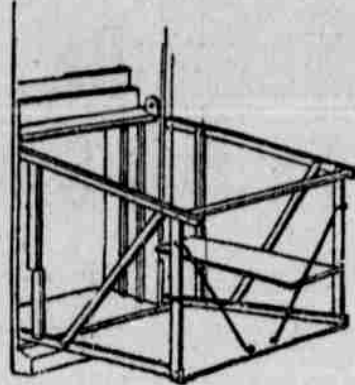
Commissioner Waldo Hears \$75,000 Has Been Collected.

New York, Dec. 6.—The current aldermanic committee began at yesterday's session an inquiry into the remission by Police Commissioner Waldo of fines imposed by Commissioner Crosey on forty-four commanding officers of the police department. It is the committee's purpose to learn if possible the reason for the remissions, particularly in view of the opinion of the corporation counsel, called to the attention of Commissioner Waldo by the municipal civil service commission, that the judgments of a police commissioner are of a judicial character and cannot be changed by him or by a succeeding commissioner.

This opinion of the corporation counsel has been cited several times before in the present inquiry in connection with cases of dismissal. A story of alleged police graft that is said to have been going on boldly all through the excitement generated by the Rosenthal murder and the work of the aldermanic committee has appeared to cause Commissioner Waldo a lot of worry. As the result, it is said, he found that since May of this year more than \$75,000 has been collected from disorderly houses on the upper west side.

HINTS FOR THE BUSY HOUSEWIFE

Window Refrigerator That Folds Up When Not In Use.



With the approach of cold weather the window refrigerator will take the place of the indoor icebox in many households. There are a number of types of window refrigerators, but the one shown herewith, designed by a Pennsylvania man, has the advantage of being collapsible. When not in use it can be folded up. A folding framework of box shape is pivotally attached to the window frame. A flexible cover incloses the box to keep out the sun and rain. Along one side is a shelf for articles that need to be separated from the other contents. The roof and the floor of this receptacle are joined by toggle links instead of solid supports, and when the toggle links are flexed the whole superstructure sinks and folds up flat upon the bottom section.

Geranium Crab Apple Jelly.

Wash the fruit until quite clean and cut into pieces, remove stem and bud and put into a preserving kettle. Cover with water and boil until it is well cooked or until the fruit can be mashed easily. Put cheesecloth over a strainer and let it drain, strain again through a clean piece of cheesecloth, measure, and for each pint of juice allow a pint or approximately one pound of granulated sugar. Set the strained juice on the fire. When the liquid begins to boil then skim it. Boil rapidly for twenty minutes. Now pour in the sugar, stirring it until the sugar is dissolved. When the liquid begins

to boil run a rose geranium leaf through it. This gives the jelly a most delicious flavor. Boil for twenty minutes longer. Put into jelly glasses. Let it stand for three or four days, then cover with paraffin. When the paraffin is hard cover it with the tin covers. It is not necessary to heat the sugar before putting in the liquid.

Baked Salmon Steak.
Take thick slices of salmon and a baking pan large enough to hold them in single layer. For each slice use one tablespoonful of chopped onion, one of chopped parsley and one of chopped celery or of dried celery leaves. Sprinkle these over the bottom of the pan. Salt and pepper both sides of the salmon slices and lay them in the pan. Dot them liberally with butter and pour a very little hot water into the pan. Bake in a quick oven twenty-five to thirty-five minutes, at the last browning on the top grate. Lift out carefully on a hot platter. Just a little moist dressing should be left in the pan. Take this out, spread it on the slices and serve.

Creamed Oysters.
Put one pint of oysters into one pint of cold water. Put one pint of cream in a double boiler over fire. When it gets foamy it is hot enough. Put one tablespoonful of butter into a saucepan, stir over fire until hot, but not brown; then stir in gradually one tablespoonful of flour and pour on cream, a little at a time, and stir until smooth. Season with salt, pepper and a small pinch of mace. Add oysters after draining and let remain over fire until the edges are curled. When ready to use warm the patties and put two tablespoonfuls of oysters in each patty.

Holiday Fruit Punch.
Use as many different fruits as desired, sliced lemon, pineapples, white grapes cut in halves and seeded, oranges, preserved cherries, and put in a punch bowl with a quart of plain or charged water. The juice of four lemons, two oranges and a sugar syrup made by cooking together a pound of sugar and a pint of water. Freshly brewed tea may be added with advantage to any fruit punch, particularly when mineral waters are used. Decorate the rim of the punch bowl with small clusters of grapes and set the bowl on a mat of grape leaves.

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Dr. Eliot Says It Is Chief Obstacle to Civil Service Reform.

Chicago, Dec. 6.—Possession of political patronage by United States Senators and members of the House of Representatives was declared to be the chief obstacles in the path of civil service reform by Dr. Charles W. Eliot, president emeritus of Harvard university, in an address to-day before the ways and means committee of the Chicago Association of Commerce.

"The consular service should be regulated by statute," he said. "That should be one of the first steps. The business organizations all over the country should unite to urge Congress to surrender its patronage."

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